

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- Printer (10) has a standby state in which the motor driving the laser scanning mirror (116) is turned off immediately after a print job when another page is not ready. To increase operating speed, a signal to the printer starts a timer (Ready timer). When a page is printed, the timer is started (308) and only when it reaches zero is the motor turned off (306). When data of a page is received by the printer and the Ready timer is non-zero (322), a sheet is immediately picked for printing (326).